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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MATERIALS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This response is a response to a restriction requirement mailed July 10, 2003 in the above-identified application. Applicant provisionally elects, without prejudice, the invention that the Examiner has designated as Group III (Claims 13-16) drawn to a process that enables the development of scalable high performance materials.

In addition, new claims 17-28 have been added to the application. Each of claims 17-28 depend, directly or indirectly, from elected independent claim 13. Each added claim finds support in the originally filed specification and does not contain new matter.

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STATUS AND SUMMARY

Claims 1-16 were originally filed.

Claims 1-12 are withdrawn without prejudice.

Claims 17-28 have been added.

Claims 13-28 remain pending in this case.